

SRS Beryllium Legacy Area Investigation

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- Original examination of historical documents indicated no wide spread Be use at SRS
- Be identified in isolated areas in a small number of facilities
- Subsequent anecdotal evidence revealed many facilities (70+) handled, processed, or had possible Be contamination issues.

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■ Complications:

- Various classified work
- poor record keeping involving Be work activities
- Loss of personal testimony due to retirements
- No consideration of low percentage Be alloy at the time

■ Examples:

- Machining equipment moved from one area/facility to another
- Revising building layout

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- SRS laboratory issues confounded efforts to analyze swipe data to confirm the presence of Be surface contamination
- Lab Analysis problems were due to matrix interferences
- Use of ghost wipes (wet)

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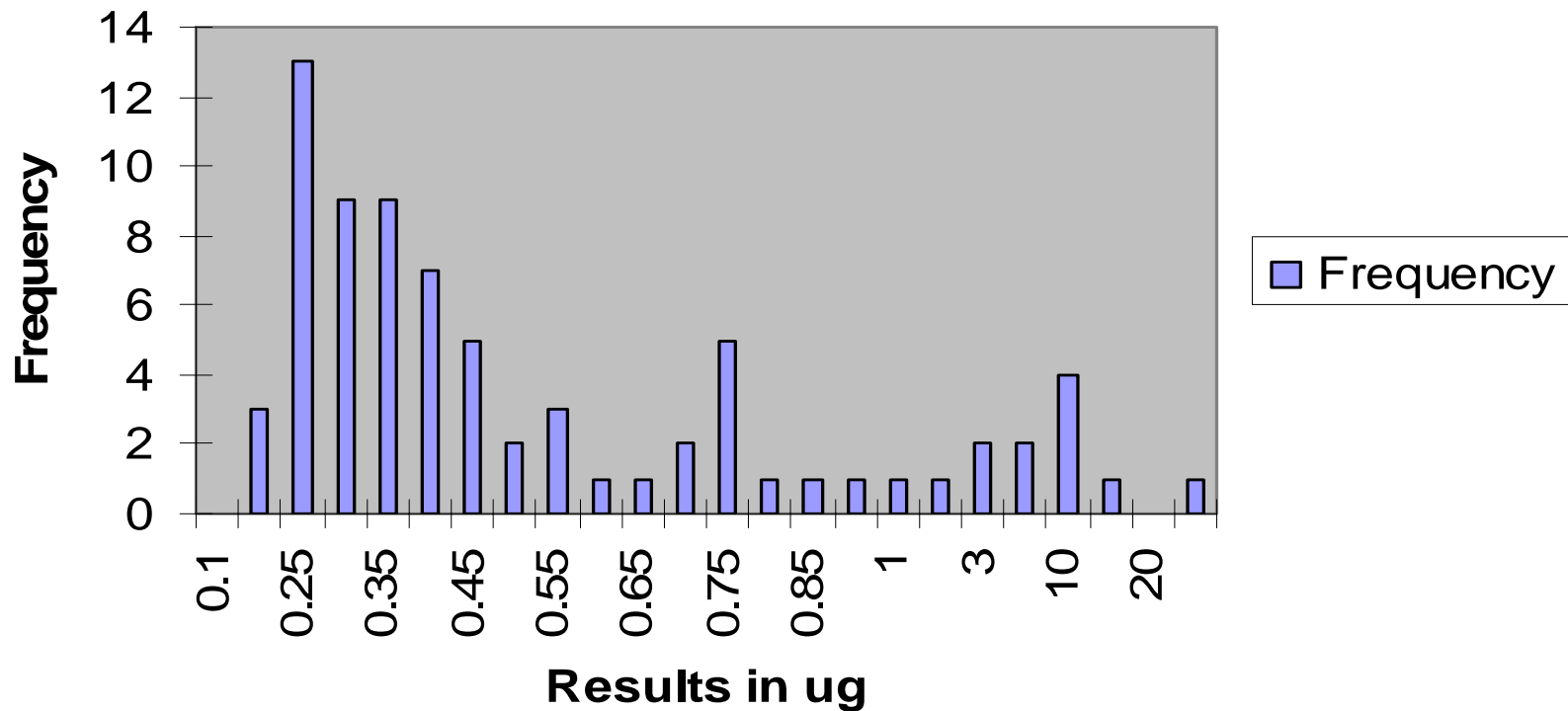
- In 2004 a Site Task Team was formed to establish and/or clear all suspect Be Legacy Areas
- Emphasis put on currently occupied buildings and D&D activities
- Additional sampling campaigns are being conducted to establish baseline for new processing work

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- 29 Facilities with 70+ discrete areas within are being investigated
- Air sample results revealed NO airborne Be $> 0.2 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (66 collected)
- Swipe sample results revealed $\sim 9.4\%$ (75 out of 799) positives hits $\geq 0.2 \mu\text{g}/100\text{cm}^2$
- Range of positives swipes 0.2 to 21.7 $\mu\text{g}/100\text{cm}^2$

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Distribution of positive hits



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■ Path Forward

- Once area identified must backtrack and identify various work groups potentially impacted by elevated Be levels
- Post areas and provide briefings and offer Medical Surveillance
- Be Legacy Assessment schedule for completion November '04
- Develop site wide training for January '05

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- Path Forward (continued)
 - Applicability of Be Rule to SRS Powerhouses
 - Known quantities of various metals in coal/fly ash including Be
 - Extremely dirty environment cannot keep surfaces clean
 - Currently conducting air sampling study schedule for completion December '04
 - Background Study on Be burden in fly ash scheduled for December '04

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